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**David H. Wilcox**  
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**To: Principal Masters**

**From: David H. Wilcox**  
**Executive Director**

**RE: Responsibilities of a Principal Master**

We have received an update form requesting that you be designated as a principal master for your company and have updated your records. If you have not already, you will need to submit a performance bond, in the amount of \$2000.00, to our office in order to comply with Ala. Code §34-37-13(1975). You must submit the original bond with the gold seal affixed to it, along with the power of attorney. The required bond form can be located on our website.

Please remember that you may only be principal master for one company at a time. Also, it is important as principal master to be fully aware of all applicable Alabama Codes and Board Rules. Please pay special attention to the following rules that apply directly to the principal master of record for each company:

**720-x-11-.01 Work Permitted by Apprentice Plumber/Gas Fitters.** It shall be unlawful and a violation of Act No. 89-406, as amended, for an Apprentice Plumber/Gas Fitter, certified in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Alabama Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board to perform any plumbing/gas fitting work, as provided in Act No. 89-406, as amended, and as may be further defined by the Board in rules passed by the Board, unless said Apprentice Plumber/Gas Fitter performs said work under the direct supervision of a certified Journeyman Plumber, Journeyman Gas Fitter, Master Plumber or Master Gas Fitter who remains on the job/work site at all times while such work is being performed by the Apprentice Plumber/Gas Fitter. An Apprentice Plumber/Gas Fitter is a trainee, therefore it shall be unlawful, and a violation of Act No. 89-406, as amended, for any one Journeyman Plumber, Journeyman Gas Fitter, Master Plumber or Master Gas Fitter to directly supervise on any job site more than three Apprentice Plumbers/Gas Fitters.

**720-x-12-.01 Responsibility of Master Plumber.** It shall be unlawful and a violation of Act No. 89-406, as amended, for a Master Plumber, certified in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Alabama Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board as provided in Act No. 89-406, as amended, or as may be further defined by the Board in rules passed by the Board, to supervise or direct any person in the performance of plumbing or gas fitting work as defined in Section 34-37-1 (Code of Alabama 1975, as amended) where the person performing such work does not hold current certification with the Alabama Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board.

**720-x-13-.01 Responsibility of Master Gas Fitter**. It shall be unlawful and a violation of Act No. 89-406, as amended, for a Master Gas Fitter, certified in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Alabama Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board as provided in Act No. 89-406, as amended, or as may be further defined by the Board in rules passed by the Board, to supervise or direct any person in the performance of plumbing or gas fitting work as defined in Section 34-37-1 (Code of Alabama 1975, as amended) where the person performing such work does not hold current certification with the Alabama Plumbers & Gas Fitters Examining Board.

If at any time you have any questions regarding Alabama Codes, Board Rules, or the responsibilities of a principal master, feel free to contact the Board office at (205)945-4857.